

Cagnoli, my long time Chief of Staff from Hershey, PA, a superb leader of the office and jack-of-all-trades who kept the office running and productive no matter what the crisis.

My Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims, of which I was Chairman, was ably staffed by George Fishman, Lora Ries, Art Arthur, Cynthia Blackston and Emily Sanders, as well as Brian Zimmer of the Full Committee staff. They handled the extremely important legislation necessitated by the new domestic and international threats we now face. Their assistance to me during the challenges of this year is impossible to measure. The House of Representatives has much to look forward to with their continued work.

And last but not least, is the Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, of which I was a member this last Congress but on which I served as Chairman from 1994–2000. On this subcommittee we dealt with the hundreds of regulatory reform issues developed by the Republican Majority through the Contract With America and following initiatives. My major Bankruptcy Reform measure began with me in this subcommittee; Administrative Law Judges; Legal Services Reform; the Federal Agency Compliance Act; The Regulatory Fair Warning Act; Executive Orders; Internet Tax reform; the Federal Arbitration Act; Interstate Compacts; the Independent Counsel Act; and many, many other topics. While bankruptcy reform took center stage, there was no end to the amount of topics and work my staff and I pursued. For this I thank them, the current and former staffers of the subcommittee, for all their exceptional work: Chief Counsel Ray Smietanka, who has worked with me as a chief committee counsel since I came to the 98th Congress in 1983; Susan-Jensen Conklin, whose superb work on bankruptcy reform got us where we are today; Rob Tracci, formerly of the Subcommittee, was an invaluable source of assistance; and all the other members of the CAL staff who have helped this Member of Congress over the many productive years. I thank them all for their work to the Nation and me.

To all I have mentioned, and those who I have regrettably not, please accept my sincere thanks for making my tenure in the United States House of Representatives a productive and pleasant one. Any current Member of Congress or Committee would be well served by the high-quality staff with whom it has been my pleasure to work over these many years.

THE HONORABLE TIM ROEMER

HON. STEVE BUYER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to show my appreciation for the distinguished member from Indiana's Third District. For the past twelve years, Congressman TIM ROEMER has served the people of Northcentral Indiana with a steadfast commitment and dedication to their needs.

A Hoosier, born and bred, TIM ROEMER came to Washington, D.C. to represent the fundamental Indiana values of strong faith in God and an unwavering duty to country and to family. As a member of Congress and a father

of four, he has been a strong advocate for trying to make the House of Representatives more family-friendly.

As a member of the Committee on Education and the Workforce, he has worked tirelessly to improve our children's education from Head Start all the way to the college-level, supporting public school choice and making college education more affordable for all Americans.

I want to thank Congressman TIM ROEMER for his hard work on behalf of the Third District, the State of Indiana and the country. I wish him, his wife Sally and their four children—Patrick Hunter, Matthew Bennett, Sarah Kathryn and Grace Elizabeth, all the best in the future.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LOUISE McINTOSH SLAUGHTER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Ms. SLAUGHTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 483 and 484. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote 483, and "no" on rollcall vote 484.

TRIBUTE TO THE L.A. FREE CLINIC

HON. HENRY A. WAXMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. WAXMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Los Angeles Free Clinic, L.A. Free Clinic, a tremendous and vital health care resource which is celebrating its 35th anniversary this year. The L.A. Free Clinic has become a true beacon of light in our ever uncertain health care system in Los Angeles. It is synonymous with quality and accessible health care for the homeless, the uninsured and under-insured, the working poor and run-away and high-risk youth.

The L.A. Free Clinic came into being during the summer of 1967 when a small group of volunteers opened a storefront clinic on Fairfax Avenue to serve the thousands of "flower children" who were living in the streets and parks that summer. They crowded the clinic with an array of health issues, and the crowds have been coming ever since. Today, the clinic is a sophisticated but accessible string of three separate sites serving 100,000 patients annually. As the longest continuously running free clinic in our Nation, the L.A. Free Clinic serves as a remarkable model.

Its mission is to serve as a community-based clinic which identifies the health care and social service needs of under-served populations. It develops comprehensive resources and quality programs to meet those needs and provides the services free of charge and free of judgement in a caring environment.

The clinic's most important mission is to provide health care to those who can not or will not receive care elsewhere. The L.A. Free Clinic believes that health and human services are a right and not a privilege.

The clinic offers a wide range of primary care and specialty care for the entire family. In

addition, the clinic houses broad and important social services to treat the whole patient. It has a domestic violence advocate available to recognize and work with patients who are victims of domestic violence. There is also a legal clinic on site to assist with a variety of issues such as immigration and child custody. There are case managers and mental health professionals at the ready to treat any number of concerns that patients may present when they come to the clinic.

Part of what makes the L.A. Free Clinic so successful is its more than 500 volunteers who eagerly answer phones, translate diagnoses, speak at health fairs and organize fundraisers. The clinic's board is equally dedicated and impressive, still represented by some original founders. The L.A. Free Clinic is also lucky to have a number of support organizations without which it could not function. They include Friends of the L.A. Free Clinic, New Friends of the L.A. Free Clinic and L.A. Free Clinic Auxiliary.

It has been my distinct privilege to represent and support the L.A. Free Clinic for much of its existence. The residents of Los Angeles and our health care system owe the L.A. Free Clinic a great debt of gratitude and we will continue to rely on its superb service and caring. We are looking forward to the next 35 years to come.

I ask all of my colleagues to join me in wishing the L.A. Free Clinic a very heartfelt and happy 35th anniversary.

A TRIBUTE TO REPRESENTATIVE TODD SALIMAN

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor State Representative Todd Saliman for his exemplary public service in the Colorado General Assembly from 1995 through 2003. I would like to thank him in this forum, not only for his service to my state, but also for the example he has shown to young people all across America, that public service is not contingent on one's seniority.

A native of Littleton, Colorado, Todd studied at the Université de Savoie in Chambéry, France and graduated in 1989 from the University of Colorado in Boulder. He worked on the U.S. Senate campaign for Josie Heath and the Boulder County Field organization in 1990, the Local Open Space Sales Tax in 1993, the Executive Committees of the State and County Democratic parties for many years, and the Rocky Flats Local Impacts Initiative from 1991 to 1994.

In 1994, Todd was elected to represent House District 11 in north Boulder and was one of the youngest members in the history of the Colorado General Assembly. His constituents overwhelmingly approved of his service and returned him to office by over 70% of the vote in every subsequent election. In the Legislature, he quickly earned the affection and respect of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle for his intelligence, good judgment, and keen analysis on a wide range of issues. Todd was a member of the Joint Budget and Appropriations Committees overseeing the state's \$13 billion budget. He provided thoughtful and

skilled bipartisan leadership in the areas of budget policy, taxes, health care, higher education, children's issues and the environment. He served successfully on such diverse committees as Finance, State Affairs, Local Government and Transportation, and he co-chaired the Kid's Caucus. He was valued as an experienced voice on substantive policy issues when working on the Governor's 1996 Health Care Task Force and the 1997 Old Age Pension Plan Committee.

From 1997 to 1999, I had the good fortune to be Todd's junior colleague in the State House of Representatives. I appreciated Todd's generosity and loyalty, his professionalism and his code of ethics. He has been unswerving in his commitment to policies that serve the environment, the education and the health of people, and principles of integrity and fairness. An important part of his legislative focus has been responsible growth management and environmental preservation.

He has been especially effective in his support for early intervention and prevention for children at risk of abuse and neglect and for improving our public education by reducing class size and fully funding public education. He has been honored as Legislator of the Year by the Colorado Association of Nonprofit Organizations, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Colorado Behavioral Health Care Council, the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, the Community Health Network, the University of Colorado at Boulder, the Colorado Social Legislation Committee, the Colorado Community Center Boards, and the Sierra Club. Last year, he was honored for his distinguished service by the Colorado Children's Campaign. During his tenure as an elected official, Todd was also the Development Director for the People's Clinic and a policy consultant with the Bell Policy Center.

I ask my colleagues to join with me in expressing our gratitude to Representative Saliman for his example of idealistic public service and the many contributions he has made to the people of Colorado. My family and I wish him, his wife, Michelle, and their son, Max, good health and happiness in their future together.

HONORING DR. TOMÁS ARCINIEGA

HON. CALVIN M. DOOLEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. DOOLEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Tomás Arciniega, who has served my community for 20 years as the President of California State University, Bakersfield. During his tenure, Dr. Arciniega has played an important role in developing CSU Bakersfield into an institution that offers outstanding educational, professional and athletic programs in the Central Valley.

Dr. Tomás Arciniega has served as the President of CSU Bakersfield since 1983. During his first year, 3,383 students were enrolled and Arciniega oversaw a \$16.7 million budget. Since then, the budget has increased to more than \$60 million and the school annually enrolls more than 7,700 students. During his tenure, 13,568 students have earned baccalaureate degrees and 3,692 have earned master's degrees from CSU Bakersfield.

Dr. Arciniega's commitment to improving the educational opportunities at CSU Bakersfield was vital to the University being accepted into the prestigious California State University system in 1987. In 1998 he was successful in creating a Master's of Social Work program, meeting a long-time community need. Dr. Arciniega has become a recognized leader among Kern County educators for his involvement as the chairman of a local teacher education committee, which aims to develop better teachers for the future.

In addition, Dr. Arciniega has provided a boost to the professional development of CSU Bakersfield. In 1990, the University hosted its first annual Bakersfield Business Conference, which was attended by over 10,000 participants. A year later, the Bakersfield Business Conference drew 12,500 participants. In 2000, CSU Bakersfield celebrated its 30th anniversary and concluded the year long Cornerstone Campaign that raised more than \$12 million, making it the most successful fundraising efforts in Kern County history.

Under Dr. Arciniega's leadership, CSU Bakersfield also developed an athletics program that has been successful competing on the national level while promoting gender equity. In 1993, CSU Bakersfield pledged to achieve gender equity in athletics and in 1998 they reached their goal of providing greater opportunities for women student-athletes. The athletic program was so successful in the 1997–1998 school year that they were presented with the Sears Cup for the best NCAA Division II athletic program in the nation. In addition, the Men's Basketball team won the NCAA Division II National championship in 1993 and 1994.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Dr. Tomás Arciniega for his contributions to the Bakersfield community as the President of California State University, Bakersfield for the past 20 years.

TRIBUTE TO THOMAS J. KELLY

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of my friend and brother in the labor movement, Mr. Thomas J. Kelly. Mr. Kelly has been honored by our fellow Philadelphians for his unyielding role as a driving force within Philadelphia's powerful labor movement for over a quarter of a century.

As a prime example of successful labor leadership that exemplifies this "Union Town", he has served as President and Business Manager of Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union 19 from 1979 to 2002. He recently accepted an appointment to serve as the General Secretary-Treasurer of the Sheet Metal Workers' International Association in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Kelly began his apprenticeship with Local 19 in 1965 at the age of 19. He went on to become a business agent and finally was elected to Local 19's top position which he has held for eight consecutive terms. Under his stewardship, union membership has grown to over 4,000, development has increased with the construction of the multi-million dollar Administrative Building, the adjacent state-of-the-

art Training Center, and the highly successful Penn's Landing Caterers, and Mr. Kelly was instrumental in negotiations for a historic gambling casino enterprise.

He has been recognized for many achievements and held numerous union leadership roles; however, he cherishes most the plaque received from Local 19's rank and file membership, which cites him "... for leading the Union with Courage, Wisdom, and Tenacity."

Married to Linda, Tom's family includes his three children, Susan Tynpel, Thomas Jr., and Kathleen and one grandchild, Lauren Tynpel. I am quite sure Tom's entire family is very proud of his numerous accomplishments.

It is a privilege to recognize a person whose leadership and commitment to community has enriched the lives of countless individuals. I ask you and my other distinguished colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Kelly for his lifetime of service and dedication to Pennsylvania's First Congressional District.

ELIZABETH BELL LAYTON PEEK,
MOTHER OF REVEREND V. LONNIE
PEEK, JR., MEMORIALIZED
IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 19, 2002

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, on November 19, 2002, the mother of Reverend V. Lonnie Peek was memorialized at Greater Christ Baptist Church, whose renowned pastor is Reverend James Perkins.

Mrs. Peek was an activist, writer and deeply religious person greatly admired in her community and throughout metropolitan Detroit. She raised and had a strong influence on her son, Reverend Peek.

The following excerpts from her writings capture the style, wit and philosophy of this amazing 20th century African American woman. We are proud of her contributions and she will be sorely missed.

Elizabeth Bell Layton Peek is my name and I was born on March 27, 1921 in Northport, Alabama as the 7th child of Willie Cunningham Layton and Vonnice Layton. Back then life was simple and strong family values were the keys that bind us together. I was the "twinkle in my father's eye" so I didn't have to work the cotton fields, and besides I was kind of skinny. So I became mother's helper—not in the kitchen... my job was ironing the clothes for the family.

Education was a vital part of our life, and we worked hard to be good students. A very good speller, I won the "Spelling B" and father showed his pride by telling everyone I could pick a bale of cotton faster than anyone he knew. Daddy died when I was 15. This event forcefully made us not only endure but excel at what my father taught us about survival and family. The older children quickly took on the responsibility of the younger ones—my brother Mack was my provider. Mack always bought me the best of clothes and because of his generosity I out-dressed everyone in the family.

I had a special bond with my brother Vonnice, who would sneak me out of the house to go dancing; I loved to dance, we could really "cut a rug" together. Vonnice had a friend that I met named Vassie who played on the football team. Boy, was he something!! Vonnice would help us to see each